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Yangsi

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Dilgo Kyentse Rinpoche (1910-1991) was a revered Tibetan Lama. He spent many years enduring austerities, including prolonged meditation retreats in caves in the Himalayas. His life story is chronicled in the film *Brilliant Moon*. Being worshipped by crowds of adult followers seems natural enough for an elderly teacher. However, it is a bit jarring to see many of these same followers worshipping his four-year old reincarnation. Jigme Lhundrup is Yangsi, a tulku – a reincarnated holy man – and is the son of Tsikey Chokling Rinpoche, one of the founders of the Kya-Nying Shedrub Ling monastery in Katmandu, Nepal. How he came to be recognized as a reincarnation of Dilgo Kyentse Rinpoche is explored in detail in *Yangsi*. *Yangsi* is a sensitively drawn portrait and follows the life of Jigme Lhundrup from early childhood until he reaches his late teens. By the end of the film, he is now a teenager, and a girl his own age in the audience asks him: “When you were a boy, what did you want to be when you grew up?” Needless to say, he didn’t really have any choice in the matter. *Yangsi* is being licensed through Kino Lorber, www.kinolorber.com. 81 minutes.

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